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Application No.: 09/885,290

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Filed: June 19, 2001

Title: VIRTUAL STORAGE LAYER APPROACH  
FOR DYNAMICALLY ASSOCIATING  
COMPUTER STORAGE WITH  
PROCESSING HOSTS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR 1.53(f). Enclosed is a copy of said Notice and the following documents and fees to complete the filing requirements of the above-identified application.

(X) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. The above-identified application is the same application which the inventor executed by signing the enclosed declaration.

(X) Statutory basic filing fee (X) Utility \$355.00 ( ) Design

(X) Additional claim fees of \$411.00

(X) Missing Parts Surcharge = \$65.00

(X) Extension of Time Request for reply to Notice of Missing Parts is requested.

( ) one month = \$55.00

(X) two month = \$200.00

(X) Applicant(s) is entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

(X) Total Fee enclosed: **\$1031.00**

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Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to deposit account 50-1302. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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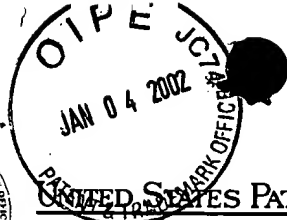
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$411.
  - \$171 for 19 total claims over 20.
  - \$240 for 6 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 831.

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.

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